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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUED DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST ITEM DECEMBER 3 WITH STATEMENTS BY JORDAN, HUNGARY, UAE, AND QATAR. PLO AND EGYPT EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY TO ISRAEL'S STATEMENT DECEMBER 2. DEBATE RESUMES ON DECEMBER 6 WITH PROBABILITY NOW OF VOTING NOT BEFORE DECEMBER 9. END SUMMARY.

2. PERM REP OF JORDAN NUSEIBEH ENUMERATED THREE PATHS WHICH COULD BE PURSUED IN SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UN PEACE CONFERENCE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE; SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD THE UN CONFERENCE
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FAIL; AND FINALLY, IF SC ACTION IS BLOCKED BY VETO,

REQUEST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE IN SPECIAL SESSION UNDER "UNITING FOR PEACE" PROCEDURES, TO CONSIDER WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS IT MIGHT TAKE, WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 1, PARA 1 OF THE CHARTER. HUNGARY DEL ECHOED POSITION OF USSR THAT GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WAS ONLY RELIABLE MANNER OF ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON ALL QUESTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE.

3. UAE DEL NOTED THAT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST WAS HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY. QATAR SPOKE OF ZIONIST AGGRESSION AND NOTED THAT GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE SHOULD INCLUDE PLO.

4. IN REPLY TO ISRAEL, PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER TERZI COMPLAINED THAT HERZOG'S QUOTING OF "GENERAL RABIN'S" STATEMENT ON A HELSINKI-TYPE CONFERENCE DISTORTED HISTORY SINCE RABIN WAS CALLING FOR A PEACE CONFERENCE WHILE HIS TROOPS WERE OCCUPYING FOREIGN LANDS. EGYPTIAN PERM REP MEGUID, IN EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY, RECALLED AMB. HERZOG'S OBSERVATION THAT GA SPENT 50 PERCENT OF ITS TIME ON MIDDLE EAST MATTERS AND SUGGESTED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD PAY 50 PERCENT OF GA'S BUDGET SINCE ISRAEL'S BARBARIC MEASURES TOWARD PALESTINIANS FORCED THE GA TO DEBATE THIS ISSUE. MEGUID CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT PM RABIN'S STATEMENT IN GENEVA MISLED PUBLIC OPINION SINCE IT CONTRADICTED STATEMENT FEW DAYS EARLIER IN WHICH RABIN AND YAMIT (SINAI SETTLEMENT) MUST BE INCLUDED WITHIN ISRAEL'S "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS."
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